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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:)

KO et al.)

Application No: 09/895,566)

Filed: June 29, 2001)

For: SELF-ALIGNED CONTACT)
PROCESS IMPLEMENTING BIAS)
COMPENSATION ETCH ENDPOINT)
DETECTION AND METHODS FOR)
IMPLEMENTING THE SAME)

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

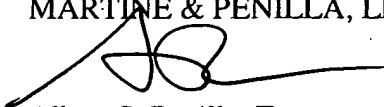
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 5, 2003, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute, without traverse, group I claims, method claims 1-10, and 16-20 in the above-identified Patent Application.

Applicants believe that no fees are required in the filing of this Response. However, if it is determined that any fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. LAM2P258). Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this matter, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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